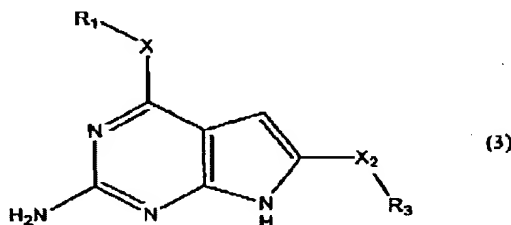


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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMSIn the claims:

1-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A compound, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates and prodrugs thereof, having the formula (3):



where X is NH- and R₁ is present;

X₂ is from one to three atoms, and if R₃ is not present, is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heteroalkyl group and a heteroalkenyl group, and if R₃ is present, X₂ is selected from the group consisting of an alkylene group, a heteroalkylene group, an alkenylene group and a heteroalkenylene group;

and any carbons or nitrogens of said alkyl group, alkylene group, alkenyl group, alkenylene group, heteroalkyl group, heteroalkylene group, heteroalkenylene group or heteroalkenyl group can optionally be substituted with a straight or branched lower alkyl group or alicyclic group of from 1 to 6 carbons;

R₃ is optionally present;

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of ~~hydrogen~~, an alicyclic group, a heterocyclic group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, an alkylaryl group, an alkylheteroaryl group, a substituted aryl group, a substituted heteroaryl group, a substituted alkylaryl group and a substituted alkylheteroaryl group;

if present, R₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alicyclic group, a heterocyclic group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, an alkylaryl group, an alkylheteroaryl group, a substituted aryl group, a substituted heteroaryl group, a substituted alkylaryl group, a substituted alkylheteroaryl group, and *p*-aroyl-glutamate;

and each substituent of any substituted group is the same or different and is selected from the group consisting of a straight or branched lower alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or